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Chan Hon Goh
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Dear Chan,

The Goh Ballet Academy continues its leadership role in the dance community with its support for your latest endeavor, the **Global Dance Challenge**.

All too often, performance opportunities for dancers focus only on the performance itself, and lose sight of the wider opportunity to help dancers learn and develop as performing artists. The word technique comes from the Greek *technikós*, meaning "art and craft". As the ancient Greeks understood, without technique, there can be no art.

The structure of the Global Dance Challenge ensures a healthy balance between training and development, and the solo performance opportunity. The entry categories serve key transitional groups, as dancers progress from student to active professional. And by including various dance genres, the Global Dance Challenge reflects the expectations placed on dancers today.

You are to be commended for your initiative in establishing this major new opportunity for aspiring professionals, and I am proud to be supportive as an Honorary Advisor.

Best wishes,



Clarke MacIntosh
National Director, Canada
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